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SUBJECT: KENYAN DOCK WORKERS BOYCOTT UGANDA CARGOS

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1. ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS, KENYA DOCK WORKERS IN MOMBASA HAVE LAUNCHED THREATENED BOYCOTT OF UGANDAN CARGO (REFTEL) UNTIL UGANDA PRESIDENT AMIN APOLOGIZES TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA FOR HIS RECENT CLAIM TO PART OF KENYA. BOYCOTT WAS ANNOUNCED AT FEB 23 MASS ANTI-AMIN DEMONSTRATION IN MOMBASA BY JUMA BOY, LEADER OF DOCK WORKERS UNION AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF CENTRAL ORGANIZATION OF TRADE UNIONS (COTU) WHICH REPRESENTS NEARLY HALF MILLION WORKERS IN 33 MEMBER UNIONS. GOK ROLE, IF ANY, IN UNION'S ACTION PRESENTLY UNCLEAR.

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2. PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM SHIPPING CONTACTS IN

MOMBASA INDICATE THAT BOYCOTT WAS AT LEAST PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE YESTERDAY WITH ONE U.S. FLAG VESSEL SAILING WITHOUT ITS CARGO OF UGANDAN COFFEE. ANOTHER SHIP, WITH SMALL CONSIGNMENT, WAS LOADED BY NON-UNION PIECE-WORK LABORERS BUT APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT SHIPS TAKING ON LARGE CARGOS WILL BE HANDLED AS THESE REQUIRE SERVICES OF UNIONIZED CRANE OPERATORS. RE IMPORTS BOUND FOR UGANDA, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER SHIPMENTS WILL BE DEPOSITED ON DOCKS OR LEFT ABOARD. IN RELATED SUBJECT, JOHN MELLO, GENERAL SECRETARY OF RAILWAY WORKERS UNION TOLD EMBOFF FEB 24 THAT RAIL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM UGANDA IS PROCEEDING NORMALLY AT PRESENT.

3. AMIN HAS YET TO RESPOND PUBLICLY TO BOYCOTT. HOWEVER, AT OUTSET OF CURRENT POLEMICS ON FEB 15, HE SAID UGANDA WAS PREPARED TO GO TO WAR IF HER ACCESS TO THE SEA WERE DENIED (NAIROBI 1535).
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